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SUBJECT: AID TO THE PRG

REF: (A) SAIGON 15389 (NOTAL) (B) USUN 2858 (NOTAL)

(C) GENEVA 3593 (NOTAL) (D) STATE 92733

(E) SAIGON 8392 (F) STATE 79625 (NOTAL)

1. WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE METHOD OF PROVIDING AID  
FROM OTHER COUNTRIES OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO  
PEOPLE IN PRG-CONTROLLED AREAS WHICH WILL LEAST ENHANCE  
THE PRG IS TO USE THE INDOCHINA OPERATIONAL GROUP OF THE  
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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS. SINCE WE HAVE

HEARD NOTHING MORE OF GVN VIEW SINCE REF E, WE ASSUME GVN AGREEABLE TO OUR SUGGESTED APPROACH. CAN YOU CONFIRM? IF AFFIRMATIVE, DEPT PLANS TO SEEK CONCURRENCE OF IOG TO OUR PROPOSAL THAT, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, IT BE THE CHANNEL FOR HUMANITARIAN AID FOR PEOPLE IN PRG-CONTROLLED AREAS. ANY BACKGROUND EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ON TALKS GVN MAY HAVE HAD WITH IOG ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

2. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY (REF A) THAT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE ARGUMENT THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR OTHER COUNTRIES TO RECOGNIZE THE PRG "AS A GOVERNMENT" IN ORDER TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID FOR PEOPLES IN AREAS UNDER ITS CONTROL. WE, THEREFORE, WILL SPARE NO

EFFORTS TO SEE THAT OUR PROPOSED POLICY GETS WIDEST DISTRIBUTION. ON OTHER HAND, WE RECOGNIZE THE LIMITATIONS INHERENT IN SUCH A PROPOSAL. FOR EXAMPLE WHILE JAPAN MAY BE PERFECTLY WILLING TO FOLLOW OUR SUGGESTION, SWEDEN PROBABLY WOULD NOT.

3. WITH RESPECT TO UNICEF, SITUATION IS COMPLICATED BUT IN OUR VIEW NOT OUT OF CONTROL. ON THE ONE HAND UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRMAN REPORTED AT SUMMER ECOSOC SESSION THAT UNICEF HAD MADE CONTACT WITH THE IOG REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF ASSOCIATING UNICEF'S PROPOSED AID TO MOTHERS AND CHILDREN IN INDOCHINA WITH ASSISTANCE BEING PROVIDED THROUGH THE IOG. UNICEF OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THEY WILL CONTINUE CONTACTS WITH IOG SINCE IT IS A RED CROSS AGENCY IN ADDITION TO USING OTHER RED CROSS CHANNELS IN ITS EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT ITS EXECUTIVE BOARD'S MANDATE. ON THE OTHER HAND, UNICEF HAS ALREADY HAD CONTACTS WITH PRG REPS IN HANOI AND HAS RECEIVED PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS LIST FROM IT (REF C), AND WILL NOT MAKE ANY COMMITMENT THAT IT WILL USE ONLY THE IOG AS CHANNEL OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PRG, AND SO ADVISED ASST. SEC. POPPER (IO) ON SEPT. 10. WE BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT SINCE UNICEF IS WILLING TO WORK THROUGH IOG AS ONE OF CHANNELS, IT IS BEST NOT TO JOIN ISSUE WITH THEM BUT, RATHER, TO ENCOURAGE THEM QUIETLY TO MAXIMIZE IOG AND MINIMIZE BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH PRG (EVEN

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